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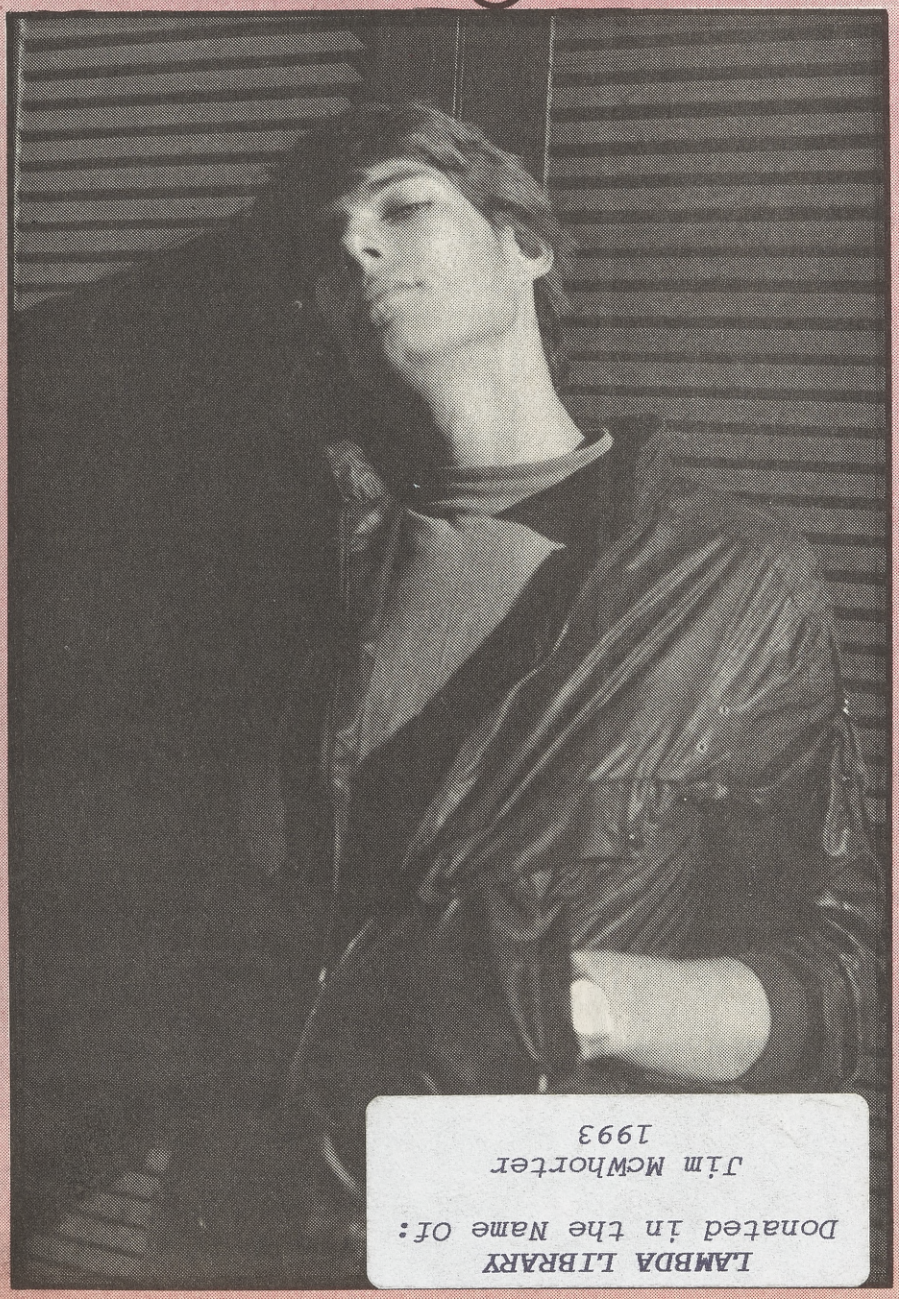

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

We are writing this letter to encourage all people of faith to bring an end to the crisis in the Persian Gulf.

We are all familiar with the power behind faith, and the miracles that concentrated prayer can bring about, no matter what your individual religious beliefs may be.

So, whether you are Christian, Catholic, Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish, pagan, or anywhere in between, we encourage you to join us in focusing your spiritual energies through prayer, meditation or ritual to bring about a peaceful resolution to the tense situation in the Middle East and to bring our troops home safely.

We truly believe that together we all *can* make a difference in our world.

Thank you for your efforts and your help in making our world a more peaceful and loving place. Please contact us at Coven of the Rainbow Pegasus, PO Box 1688, Elk Grove, CA 95759.

In perfect love and trust, blessed be!

Alpha Starsinger

Elk Grove

Dear Editor:

Government on all levels has been criminally negligent in fighting AIDS—especially so in the early and mid-1980s.

Tragically, many AIDS support groups do not emphasize radical holistic health to fortify the immune system.

Many AIDS activists curse the government and wait for a laboratory cure while they keep on puffing their cigarettes and eating junking food.

A self-disciplined regimen of detoxification, natural nutrition and vigorous exercise is necessary to rejuvenate the immune system.

I highly recommend these two books—Conquering AIDS Now by Scott Gregory, Phd, and Healing AIDS Naturally by Laurence Badgley, MD.

The more crap—cigarettes, booze, other drugs, environmental chemicals, junk food—we put into our bodies, the less resistance we have to fight off all bacterial or viral invaders.

As vested interests, often bars do not want booze damned for ravaging the immune system and for making safer sex less likely. Some studies show that even a few beers can make a person's T-4 cells 25 - 250 times more susceptible to infection—according to the books AIDS: the Drug and Alcohol Connection, by Larry Siegel, MD and Milan Korok.

For decades the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society scoffed at holistic health advice to help prevent cancer—"increase fiber, decrease fat, eat more raw vegetables." Finally after multitudes have tortuously died and mountains of savings, insurance and research monies have been pillaged, these

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prestigious institutions of orthodox medicine have begun to admit the above advice helps prevent cancer.

Will conventional doctors continue for decades just as arrogantly thick-headed in treating AIDS while rejecting holistic health?

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Don Schrader
Albuquerque

Dear Editor:

I am sending your this letter to inform you and your magazine of a very nasty event that is occurring in the Riverside/San Bernardino area and to ask for your help and support in fighting a new battle.

PACE, the Political Action Coalition for Elections, is the local gay and lesbian political action committee. In 1988 we were able to get the City of Riverside to pass an AIDS anti-discrimination ordinance and this year we got the city council to add "sexual orientation" to the areas of concern for the Riverside Community Relations Commission. We have also been trying to get a Human Dignity ordinance passed, without success.

Recently a new group calling itself the Riverside Citizens for Responsible Behavior informed the city they were proposing to circulate a petition which would eliminate the AIDS anti-discrimination ordinance, remove sexual orientation from the Community Relations Commission, and prohibit the city from "promoting, encouraging, endorsing, legitimizing or justifying homosexuality" or spending any money "directly or indirectly to fund any individual, activity or organization which promotes, encourages, legitimizes or justifies homosexual conduct."

This group has the very active support of Lou Sheldon, some local churches, the two local "Christian" radio stations and lots of money. The vote on the proposed ordinance will be in November 1991.

Our group is small in numbers and has little money to fight this battle on our own. I am asking your help, in whatever way you can, in letting the gay and lesbian community in California know what is occurring and helping us to mobilize again for this new battle. A victory for Sheldon and bigotry and intolerance in Riverside will have an impact far beyond our area. You know what these people can do and the **big** lies they will use and the hate and violence they will engender.

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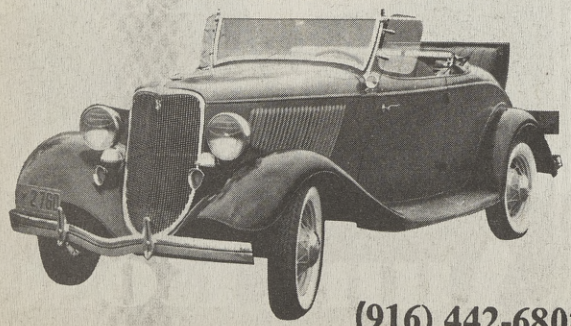

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I will keep you informed. Thanks.

Sam M. Catalano
Riverside

Dear Editor:

National Coming Out Day would like to receive a complimentary subscription to your publication. It is our belief that reading your publication regularly would be the best way for us to get to know your community better.

For the first time this past year National Coming Out Day was celebrated in all 50 states. Including us on your mailing list would be a great way to help a campaign that has really caught fire.

Please let us know if you can help.

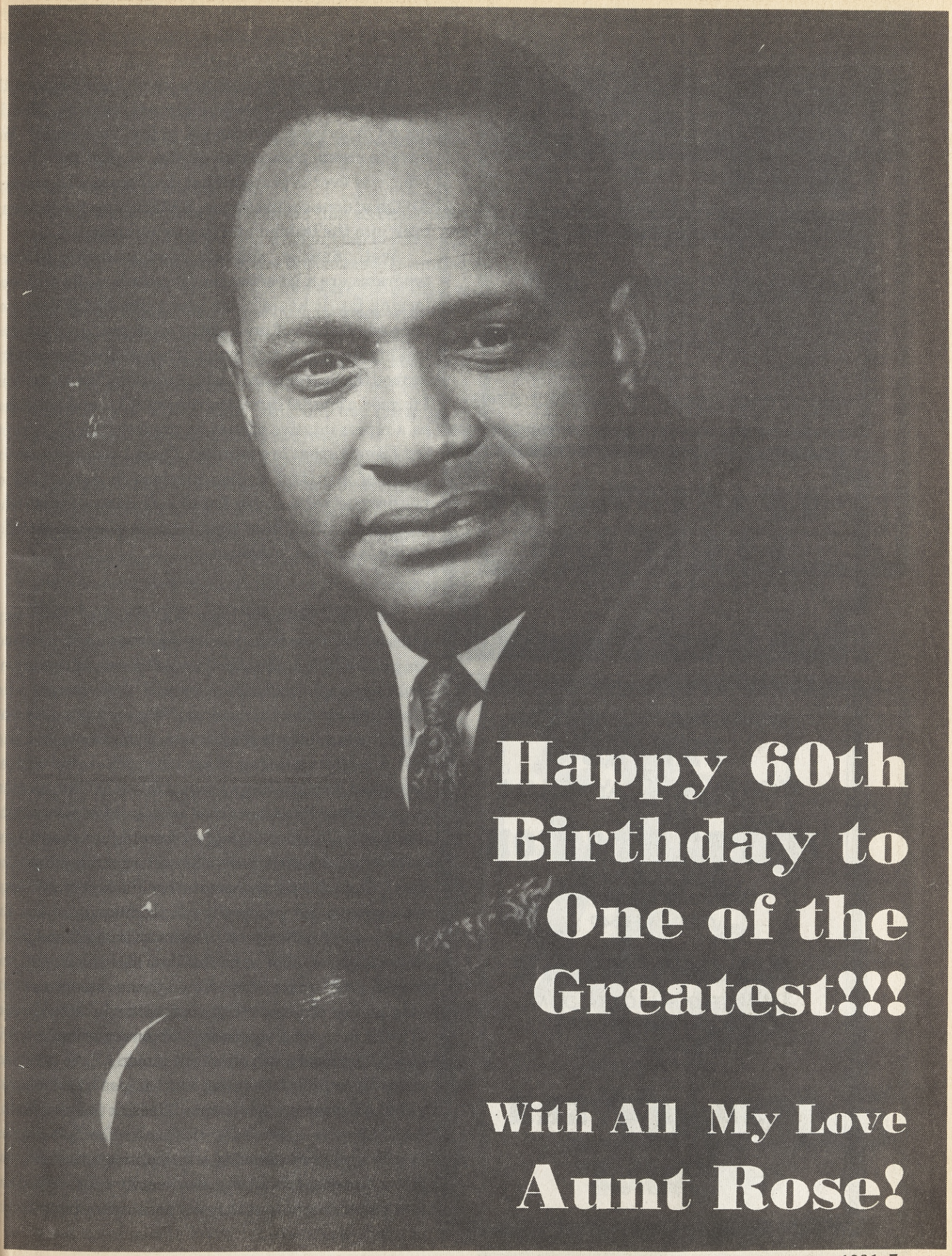
Sincerely,
Skip Rosenthal
Office Manager
Santa Fe

Mary Smith

Closets, Separatism & All That Jazz

Separatism in the world of women/lesbians/feminists is, at best, a mixed bag. While it is true that living one's life, or parts of one's life, in the exclusive company of lesbians can be extremely positive, comforting, safe, supportive, and nurturing; it is equally true that one chooses to escape living in the "real world" by doing so. In one sense, we can feel empowered in the company of women; however, like living in the closet, what I think we really experience is a false sense of security. Our world is populated by women and men, but, more importantly for me, our community is populated by lesbians and gay men. Separatism does not empower our community.

Some years ago I joined several political organizations and one lesbians-only social "networking" organization. Being pretty out of it for most of the 1980's, I didn't know where to start, but a friend pointed me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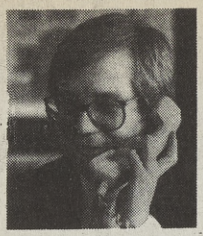

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toward a lesbian organization I'll call Sacramento Women's Club (SWC) and, drumming up the courage, I attended my first event-alone.

It is an incredible high to be in an auditorium with several hundred dressed-to-impress lesbians. This is not an experience one can get in the "real world". We have to create this ourselves and, at that time in my life, I was ever so grateful that the women who created SWC had done so-just for me. SWC became my gateway back into the lesbian and gay community.

Well, dances, sex-talk, and women's history programs are a lot of fun, but it wasn't really all I was looking for. It has a place in my life, but it does not define the whole of my lesbian existence. So, I started looking for more and found it when the community formed the Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council. I formed a special interest group of SWC and attended as a representative of that organization (well, sort of, but I'll get to that in a minute). There I met a wonderful group of men and women involved in every kind of political activity. I also found a number of men who were leaders in political organizations who were actively trying to involve lesbians.

For eons lesbians have felt excluded form gay political organizations run by gay men, and for good reason. Politics is about power, influence, and opinion, and people generally keep around them people who think and act like themselves. Women have different issues (just as people of color have their own issues and feel equally excluded from our generally white-populated lesbian and gay organizations). The gay men were frequently unconcerned with lesbian viewpoints and lesbians gradually stopped showing up to meetings.

Well, as I stated earlier, I had originally joined the Town Council as a representative of SWC, but things soon got too hot politically (due primarily to the involvement of ACT Up on the Town Council) and SWC began to get a little nervous. They decided I could not use the SWC name at the Town Council in case members of the straight media might be in attendance. (SWC is not only a separatist lesbian organization, it is also in the closet, as you might already have guessed; allegedly to protect the confidentiality of its members.) I had to use my group's name—Lesbian Politics. Being required to be in the closet within a lesbian/gay organization while representing a lesbian organization was just a bit too much for me. Eventually I disbanded my group and sought to satisfy my political and intellectual needs elsewhere.

As I continued my involvement in lesbian and gay politics, I became keenly aware of the small numbers of women in many of those organizations. Granted, one reason for this is the separatist history of organizations run by gay men, but this is changing. The word has to get out to lesbians that our presence and participation is not only welcome, but required if we are to be successful as a community.

So, I asked myself, how do we find all those lesbians? Sacramento has not one women's bar in town. Our Women's Center is terrific, but the outreach is limited. All the lesbians are at SWC. There were 600 of them at the time. I knew I had to get back in touch with SWC and hope that I could help to influence them to come out of the closet and loosen up their separatist cloak just a little bit and become part of the lesbian and gay community as a whole. Alas, this did not prove to be successful-for the time being, anyway.

I do understand the need to have one place to go to enjoy the company of women. I also understand that many lesbians feel that their particular situation necessitates a life in the closet. What I do not understand is an organization which claims to have as one of its goals the empowerment of women trying to accomplish that in a vacuum. It's like a co-dependent feeling terrific as a single person, but avoiding a committed relationship because that's where it starts to get tough. You can't do the work outside the relationship. you have to get in it. You have to try in order to succeed.

Separatism and closets are the same thing to me. When we are in the closet we are there because it makes us feel safer. We receive all kinds of messages from straight society, as well as our own community, which reinforce this kind of thinking and behavior (e.g., preference for "straight-looking/acting" women or men). Separatism has its own politics and rules, but they closely resemble the closet. We feel safe because men aren't around to dominate the conversation or distract us form our own agenda. This is the politics of a powerless people, not empowered women. If separatists were truly empowered, there would be no need to fret about the presence of men.

Our community needs the participation and ideas of both lesbians and gay men. it is frustrating to have access to the lesbian community cut off in this way. It is difficult enough to reach each other in the best of circumstances, but to be unable to reach 600 lesbians and provided them with information about the community or to allow men and women to enjoy the some space is self-defeating.

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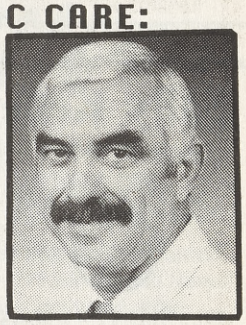

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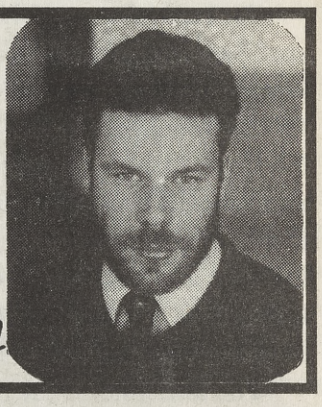
Ideas and suggestions will be gratefully accepted.

Mel Dahl *In My Opinion*



Gay people come in all different shapes, sizes and beliefs. Some of us are very liberal; some are quite conservative. Some of us are religious, some non-religious.

For those gay people who have chosen to remain in conservative churches, a certain amount of time and energy goes into doing battle with people in those institutions who insist on talking about Sodom and Gomorrah, the Levitical ban on homosexual acts, and Romans 1. Most gay people simply argue either that those verses are not controlling, or that they don't really mean what they say.

I have never seen or heard much about the strong Biblical case in favor of homosexuality. Traditional Theology says that God is male and therefore there are well defined sexual roles that illustrate the relationship between God and humans. I find no basis in Scripture for such a position.

The Old Testament is loaded with passages where God says things like, I was pregnant with you, I carried you, I was in labor with you, I gave birth to you, I breast fed you. God is portrayed as a mother hen, a mother eagle, and a mother bear. Jesus told Nicodemus that the Holy Spirit gives birth. The Hebrew words used in the creation story of Genesis 1 portray God giving birth to creation from her own being, just as a mother gives birth to a baby from her own being. The birth metaphor is just too strong to be ignored.

At the same time, there is a considerable body of language in Scripture that points to God as male, which I don't need to repeat here since those metaphors are widely known.

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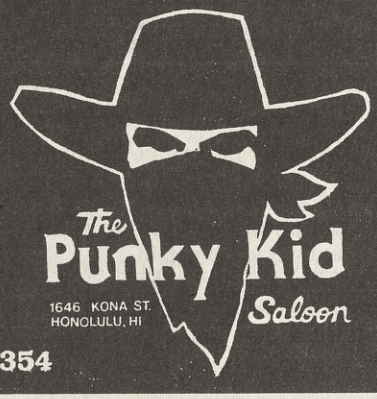

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Then, to top if off, we find humanity, both male and female, created in the image of God. not even sexist fundamentalism would seriously assert that men are created in the image of God but women are not. if both males and females are created in God's image, what does that tell us about God?

The conclusion I must draw is that God is both male and female, and neither male nor female. God is the all-inclusive being whose essence takes in all of creation with its wonderful diversity. God transcends gender; we see God all learn about God in all of nature, not just a part of it. God is so vast and so big that no one thing, not even gender, can present the full picture.

Now, having established that the Divine nature necessarily includes both genders, we look for further instruction to nature.

The fact is that nature abhors conformity and rejects easy classifications, for the theological reason that conformity and easy classifications fly squarely in the face of a God of diversity and multiple facets. In nature, every rule has an exception. We see living things that are neither plants nor animals; mammals that lay eggs; fish that fly; plants that eat meat; and amphibians, which manage to combine the characteristics of both fish and land dwellers.

We also see homosexuality present in many animals. Dr. Kinsey documented homosexual behavior in over 100 species, including all of the higher mammals. Thus, rather than being "unnatural," homosexuality is merely a natural part of the wonderful diversity of nature.

Every part of me, including my sexuality, is a gift from God, because it is a means of expressing some aspect of the divine nature. Since the law is summed up entirely in living God and loving my neighbor, everything I do or am that violates neither of those two goals is my own personal means of expressing some aspect of the Divine nature.

To the extent that this culture has not beaten it out of him or her, every human comes equipped with certain amounts of both male and female traits and characteristics. There is no such thing as a so-called masculine or feminine trait that does not appear in people of both sexes. In fact, there are people, called hermaphrodites, who have both male and female sex organs. What on Earth would fundamentalist theology have to offer to someone like that?

Being gay provides me with an opportunity to use both the male and female portions of my personality. Rather than being bound by traditional roles, I nurture and foster those traits and characteristics that are typically male as well as typically females, because they represent the dual-gendered nature of God. Thus, I can nurture men as well as women; I can satisfy the emotional and psychological needs of both men and women; and I can physically express my sexuality with both men and women, even though I prefer to do it with men. In so doing, I celebrate the Divine diversity.

Religion's traditional fear and loathing toward gay people is based on a phony issue, an issue religion has created where none existed before. I do not believe for a minute that the Pope, the Reverend Jerry Falwell or Rabbi Yehuda Levin care with whom I sleep; that is a side issue. Once the rhetoric has been stripped from their doctrines of hatred and their theology is reduced to its basic component, the real reason for the loathing is that "they are not like us."

Yes, I know, they will say that they hate gay people because the Bible tells them to. It also tells them that their women should wear hats in the church, the blacks are to be slaves of the white race, and that if a rape

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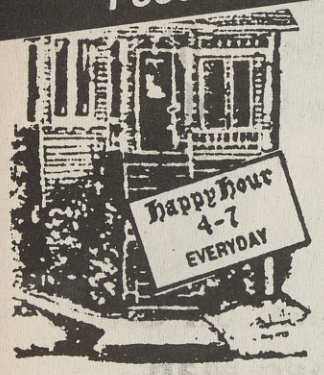

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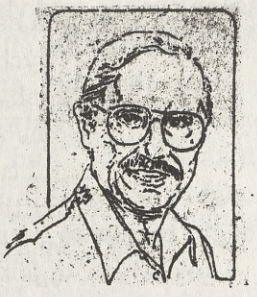
takes place within city limits the rape victim is to be executed along with the rapist. Isn't it curious that where homosexuality is concerned the fundamentalists became rigid Biblical literalists but on other social issues where advocating Biblical teaching would be political suicide there is suddenly lots of room for interpretation?

I hear that from every hate group on Earth. The Klan hates blacks "because they aren't like us." The fights between Arabs and Jews in the Middle East, blacks and whites in this country and in South Africa, Catholic and Protestant in Northern Ireland, all boil down to the same issue: rather than accepting that God created diversity because diversity is a wonderful thing, the different groups continue to hurl daggers at one another. Worse, they do it in the name of God who created diversity, which stops just short of being blasphemous.

We have several centuries of social policy governed by the premise that anything not like us is evil, and the results speak for themselves.

When the Reverend Jerry says that there is a war of values going on, he is right, but he has misidentified the parties. The true battle taking place is between those who, on the other hand, choose to adopt a siege mentality of "us against them" and loathe everything not like themselves, versus those on the other side who treasure diversity and differences because the creator put them in place. If the day ever comes when society owns up to the issue, and squarely confronts the question of whether it wishes to continue to loathe everything not like itself, we will be a lot closer to peace on Earth.

Ralph ...and There is More!



As I write, that "MORE" of the column title has brought us war. Or, to use the euphemism now in vogue, "Operation Desert Storm."

But the "meaning" of my chosen title for the column is, quite simply, that beyond wherever we are now, or at whatever point we may have arrived, *beyond* that is the "more"—they still yet can be or may become.

Of course, the original intent was in speaking of

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each individual's personal growth, or spiritual development, or the movement toward enlightenment and transformation. Yet, as I began to write this morning, it struck me that it might be instructive to "take a look" at what the concept of the "MORE" could mean in this present situation.

It is possible, most assuredly, to speculate that the "MORE" could be a continuing escalation culminating World World III. That most certainly must not be ignored as at least possible. Or, barring that, an enlarging conflagration that eventually envelopes the entire Middle East. The concerns of the Soviet Union and Western Europe as well would be aroused in new and unpredictable ways. In other words, the "MORE" could well be extraordinary fearful, and could even spell the end of the world as we know it.

In view of those terrifying possibilities for the future of the planet—and naturally the future of you and me— what kind of posture is appropriate for us, and what might be offered as hopeful alternatives?

It is not accidental (for I am clear that there are no accidents) that I open my *Course in Miracles* workbook for today and find that my lesson for the day is "I am not alone in experiencing the effects of my thoughts," and it proceeds to point out that since all minds are joined, whatever I am thinking (or believing) affects the thoughts in the minds of all other human beings. Further, since thoughts are always creative, productive, effective in the "real" world, my thoughts not only influence and shape those of others, but exert significant influence on the actual materialization of things in the physical world.

Yes! Pretty heavy stuff, right? Or, really airy-fairy stuff, yes?

Well, whether it be "heavy" or "airy," what implication lies in this for me—and for all of us?

My mail on Monday the 14th brought a lovely typeset 8 x 11 sheet with the message "Visualize a peaceful settlement in the Middle East." Unfortunately, the instructions to make copies and send out or display were a bit late. And, there is "more," for it includes a quote form the Greek poet and Nobel Winner, Odysseus Elytis:"I have something incomprehensible to say, like birdsong in the time of war..." Yes! That's it!

Beginning now, I shall start each day with the 'Birdsong of: I am visualizing and thinking Peace. My thoughts are powerful and I shall focus upon peace—not simply "surrender" or "victory", but peace.

Peace can come as swiftly and as powerfully as the thunderstorm that ends a drought. And, it can only come as the "thoughts" of each of use turn certainly and surely from thoughts of war to thoughts of peace. I am thinking peace, and visualizing peace, "I am not alone in experiencing the effects of my thoughts."

Your thoughts are equally as powerful. Each person's "power" is always at least ten-fold what she/he thinks it to be. And, as the number of individual thoughts increase numerically, the power of that thought increases geometrically.

I invite you to join with me—for peace. As all of humankind moves into the future, if there is to be any future, it becomes crucial that we be as one single thought for peace. I do not mean the "victory" or the "surrender" which have in the past put war only temporarily on "hold", but full and total peace across the planet, and peace in every human heart, so that swords are indeed beaten into plowshares and man indeed will "study war no more.'

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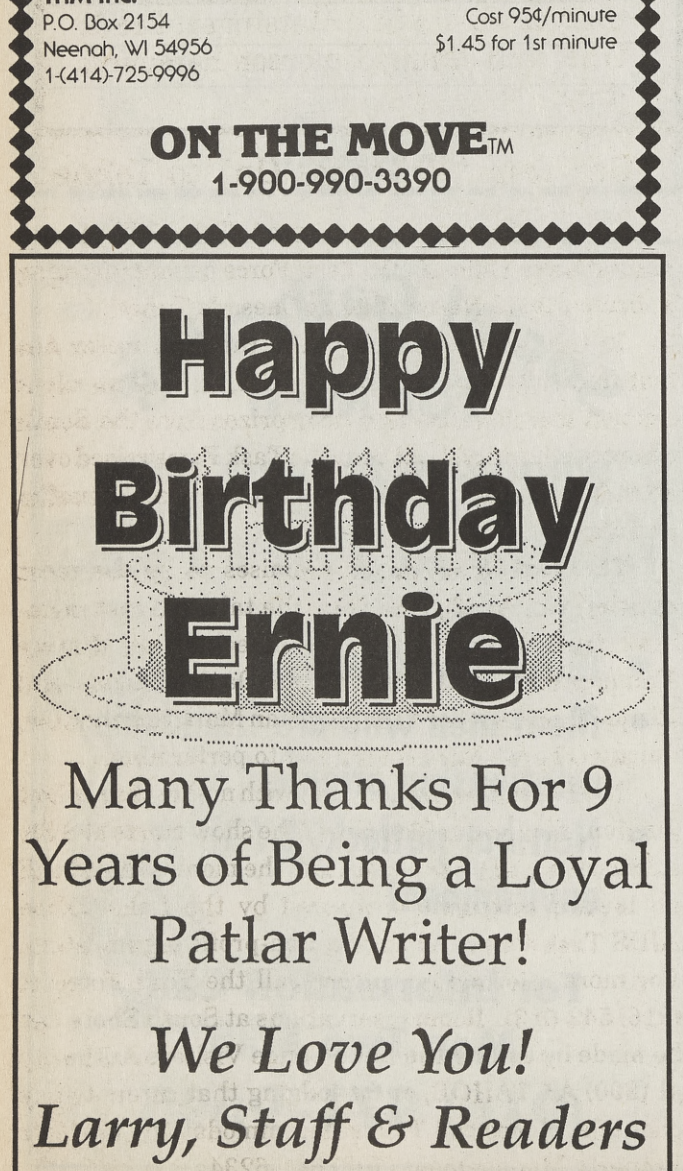

that. Planetary survival awaits that. There simply is no longer any other way.

Join with me. Visualize peace, so that there can still be a "more" beyond this present moment "now."

Ralph is founder to The Loving Brotherhood and a continuing student of A Course in Miracles. He welcomes your comments or questions at PO Box 556P, Sussex, NJ 07461.

National Lesbian Conference on April 24 – 28

The National Lesbian Conference will be held April 24 to 28 in Atlanta, GA. The conference is oriented to lesbian issues and is open to women only.

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Horner's Corner

I'm no one's economics expert by any stretch of the imagination, but from where I sit I really wonder who's taking advantage of whom in this Middle East crisis presently underway (as this is written).

Seems that when all the excitement started in early August, immediately gas prices went up at the pump, with the media hyping the "situation" over the as a potential bombshell and claiming that our oil supplies were being interrupted/might not resume—all the usual negative stories we've come to expect from TV and newspaper reporting.

And then we hear that because oil supplies are going to become scarce, the oil companies must raise prices to slow down the demand...oh really?

What they forgot to tell the public is that California gets all its oil (virtually) from Alaska and Venezuela—not from the Middle East according to my oil industry sources. And unless I missed something, there doesn't seem to be a war about to start in either Alaska or Venezuela—nor have there been any problems in getting oil to California from these plentiful sources.

So what's the problem, folks? Why are the oil companies charging us prices as if there were not enough crude oil to meet our demands? Seems to me like the oil companies seized upon the opportunity to boost prices (and boost a hefty sum from our respective wallets in the process) without having a valid economic reason for doing so, other than "get whatever the market will bear".

What has also amazed me throughout this so-called oil "crisis" is how all the companies are within pennies of each other as to their retail pricing.

Around the turn of the century when John D. Rockefeller founded the Standard Oil organization, it was not at all uncommon for him to enter a market, sell below cost to drive the competition out of business, than raise prices to whatever he chose.

It was also not uncommon back then for competitors to put their heads together and form cartels for the purpose of fixing prices at a level regardless of demand—whatever the market would bear if you will—and agree that everyone in the cartel would change the same.

Such activity gave rise to the federal anti-trust laws (such activity being considered a "trust" or agreement not to compete) and not in the spirit of free enterprise where market prices are set based upon supply and demand influences rather than prior agreement as to what to charge.

Price fixing agreements are violative of the federal anti-trust laws. Conspiring to fix prices is itself a federal crime.

With that in mind, look at the current oil situation, look at the virtually identical prices the majors charge for gas, the plentiful supply of crude, and tell me why no one is pursuing this on an anti-trust basis at the federal level. You can't find a cop when you need one, can you? We'll talk again.

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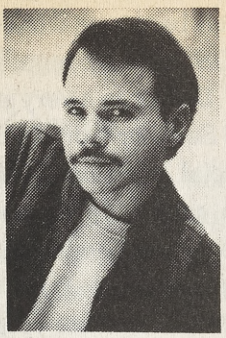

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In December, 1990 a new album entitled "Red, Hot and Blue" was released into our record stores. It is comprised of twenty-one well known international musical artists that joined together to recreate classic Cole Porter songs.

Recently, Billboard—which is the most reputable magazine in the music business industry—held its first annual awards. These awards are comparable to winning a prestigious Grammy. Sinead O'Connor, sang her track from "Red, Hot and Blue" entitled "You Do Something to Me." It was a riviting live performance proving why she was also named artist of the year.

Of the 21 artists featured on this LP, at least 10 are Grammy winners and all are Grammy nominees. Artists featured on this album include Iggy Pop, The Thompson Twins, Jody Watley, U2, and the country home sounds of the very popular K.D. Lang.

These artists have swallowed their egos to become a single entity to help in the fight against AIDS. All proceeds from the sale of this album will be dispersed to different AIDS organizations established throughout the country.

I recently purchased this album and listened to it artistically and technically. I was in complete awe, finding this work delightful and ingenious. Buying this album is an inexpensive and fun way to do your part in the fight against AIDS.

In closing, when Sinead O'Connor was giving her acceptance speech for "Artist of the Year", her thoughts were simple and candid..."Wear a condom."

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Patlar's Bartender of the Month

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Patlar's Bartender of the Month for February is Steven (Lil' Steve) from the Paradise in Stockton, California.

Yours Truly in a Swamp

By Leonard Earl Johnson

Last year David Duke informed reporters that he will officially announce later in the year for the office of Governor of Louisiana.

That isn't just a politician double talking. That is a man who 10 years ago would have been ignored, yet now his story is in the press statewide and nationally just for saying he is going to do something. Duke has grown that important.

He is a past leader of the Klu Klux Klan and has openly expressed admiration for Adolph Hitler, positions he likes to discount as the excesses of youth. His critics claim he is the same David Duke as then.

Last year he wrote a letter to the US Surgeon General advocating the blood of blacks be segregated in blood banks as a method of controlling the spread of AIDS. Late he repudiated the idea.

Duke ran a very strong second in the recent race for US Senator from Louisiana as a Republican (without official sanction from the party). The official Republican candidate dropped out of the race throwing his support to the winning Democrat—J. Bennett Johnston. None the less, Duke polled 44% of the total vote and 60% of the white vote.

Currently, Duke is a member of the Louisiana Legislature representing the mostly white New Orleans' suburb of Metairie. He has been expected to announce for greater office ever since his strong showing in the US Senate race.

Rumors persist that his real target is the White House. Be his goal the US presidency or US Senator or merely the Governor of one state, should he gain the national stature he seeks politics in the United States of America will never again be the same.

How can a Klansman, a former Wizard(leader) of the KKK, an admirer of Adolph Hitler gain such wide acceptance?

There is a perception among many in the white majority that affirmative action hiring policies are an unjust favoritism towards blacks and other minorities. This reasoning is expressed by both supporters and opponents of David Duke as explanation for his acceptance into the political mainstream.

Coded appeals to white fears of blacks is felt by some political analysts to have played a major role in the success of recent presidential campaigns. The Bush campaign's Willie Horton TV ads—where a black man was shown passing repeatedly through a prison "swinging door"—is often cited as example of new respectability for formerly unacceptable racist ideas.

The use of coded campaign slogans are examples of this unfortunate return to racism as a political tool on the national level. States from California to Louisiana have lots of such examples. The big winners will be candidates like David Duke. The big losers will be the rest of us.

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by Ira Gruber and Tina Jenneray

Beware of the term "gay hotel." Most of the time these accommodations turn out to really be a cottage industry, and with a few exceptions most gay hotels are an illusion. Gay Bed and Breakfasts, on the other hand, can turn out to be rather exquisite.

If you plan on visiting Florida, and Orlando is on your list of places to see, please *do not* make the fatal mistake of staying at the well known Parliament House, which unfortunately is known for saggy beds and mega-bedbugs. True, it's a mere $35 a night...but for what? If you want a good hotel we recommend that you look into staying at the Sheraton Orlando North Hotel and Towers . It is a gorgeous property, and a room can usually be had for $59 per night, which is a tremendous deal. The phone call is free—(800)325-3535. Plus, the Sheraton is close to all the major attractions (Epcot, Disney World) and the New York -style deli "Poppies," is open late into the night for you owls who want a bite to eat as you go off to check out gay Orlando. The night scene seems to be growing larger each year. The eleven nightspots which we feel are worth looking into are the aforementioned Parliament House (which has seen better days), City Lights, Connections, Faces, the Flamingo Lounge, the Full Moon Saloon, Games Lounge, the Key Largo Lounge, the Palace Club, Southern Nights and Thunders.

There are several gay B&B's in the area if you are looking for a more intimate place to stay. Two recommendations include Rinaldi House at 502 Lake Avenue; (407) 425-6549 and Claddaugh's Cottage (which is for women only) at (407) 282-4146.

If you decide to rent a car while you are visiting Florida, Thrifty and Alamo both offer great specials that will run you about $75 a week. Do take a drive down to Key West. The drive is beautiful and it is a gay mecca. We recommend you stop and have lunch at Rich's Cafe, located at 1015 Fleming Street in the Eden House; and for an all-gay water excursion, call Key West Yacht Excursions at (305) 296-0809. They also serve a gourmet breakfast, have convenient departure times and specialize in snorkeling. For nightlife, we recommend the Strand at 527 Duval Street as a *must* place to go, as well as the Copa at 623 Duval Street, which is rated among the top ten gay nights spots in the country. If you like a cruise bar, Papillon at 510 South Street should be your cup of tea, as well as the 801 Bar

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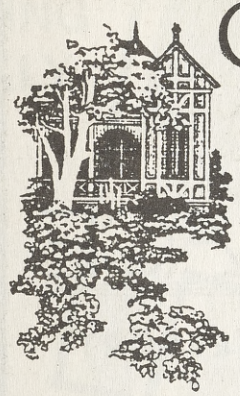

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Hand in Hand

By Deborah Bergman

We gathered in St. Vibiana's Cathedral in the heart of skid row, jsut a few blocks form the Los Angeles Times building. Behind the altar, the wall was streaked with silver and blue in a pattern that evoked the sky. Images of Jesus and Mary were bright in the stained-glass windows along the side walls.

In this setting we said farewell to John Brownell, who died of complications from AIDS. He was deputy managing editor of the Los Angeles Times. He was handsome. He was smart. He was 33.

It was not lost upon the gay people among the hundreds of mourners in the church-Archbishop Roger Mahoney's church tat John was being honored in death inside a church that condemned his life; that he was being celebrated with the rituals of a religion that, if it had comforted him some times, undoubtedly also had given him at least some measure of pain.

And as one speaker described John's days as a beloved whiz kid in St. Charles, Minn., in glowing terms as an "idyllic childhood," those of us who are lesbian and gay could not help but wonder about the pain and isolation that may have lurked beneath that small-town surface.

It was another irony of that day that I realized I had learned more about John since his death than I had whole he was alive. I had not known until after his death, for instance, that John and his lover had been guests at Abigail Van Buren's dinner parties in Beverly Hills.

As his friend Hans told us during the service, "Like many members of our community, John believed in keeping his private and professional lives separate." There were many people, Hans noted, who "wanted John to carry their banner," but John was above all a journalist. he was professional about keeping his distance.

With a small enameled pink triangle pinned to my collar, I sat among friends in a pew near the front of the church and reflected upon John's choices and my own. John probably saw me as one of those people wanting him to carry a banner; I sometimes saw him as making his life choices less out of professional conviction and more out of fear.

But I liked John and respected him, felt proud of him-and it hurt that he had died, that our dialogue was cut off, that there was so much that couldn't be said.

My sorrow also touched off all my fears for the men in my life whom I care about who are HIV-positive, and

as I sat in St. Vibiana's, I looked for comfort. I did not find it in the priest's words or in the soaring sacred spaces of the cathedral of a religion that is not my own, but I found it close at hand.

To my left my friends-Ann and then Greg and Lily. to my right sat Harry, As John's friend Hans began to speak, I slipped my right hand into Harry's and Ann grasped my other one.

I was glad to be surrounded by lesbian and gay friends, and I thought about how our shared experiences unite us.

From the hurt and the pain of the experiences that gay men and lesbians understand-the outsider feeling that haunts most of our childhoods, the prejudice we encounter, the grief that we are being hit with again and again as the dying continues-a bond grows.

That does not mean that I believe that lesbian and gay men are one and the same or that I don't recognize the huge cultural gulf often separating lesbians and gay men. That gulf arises partially because lesbians must deal with a whole set of issues, such as economic discrimination, that women face and gay men do not.

But gay men are facing issues related to AIDS that lesbians do not have to deal with. Yes,there are some lesbians with AIDS, and unfortunately, as time goes by, there will be more. But the physical threat to lesbians posed by AIDS is small, and we may not be able to understand fully what it means to be facing the full menace of the disease.

Nonetheless, the epidemic is clearly having an impact on lesbians. We are in a community with gay men, and they are still disproportionately being afflicted with the disease. We are wounded by the loss of the gay men whom we love. The movement for equal rights is

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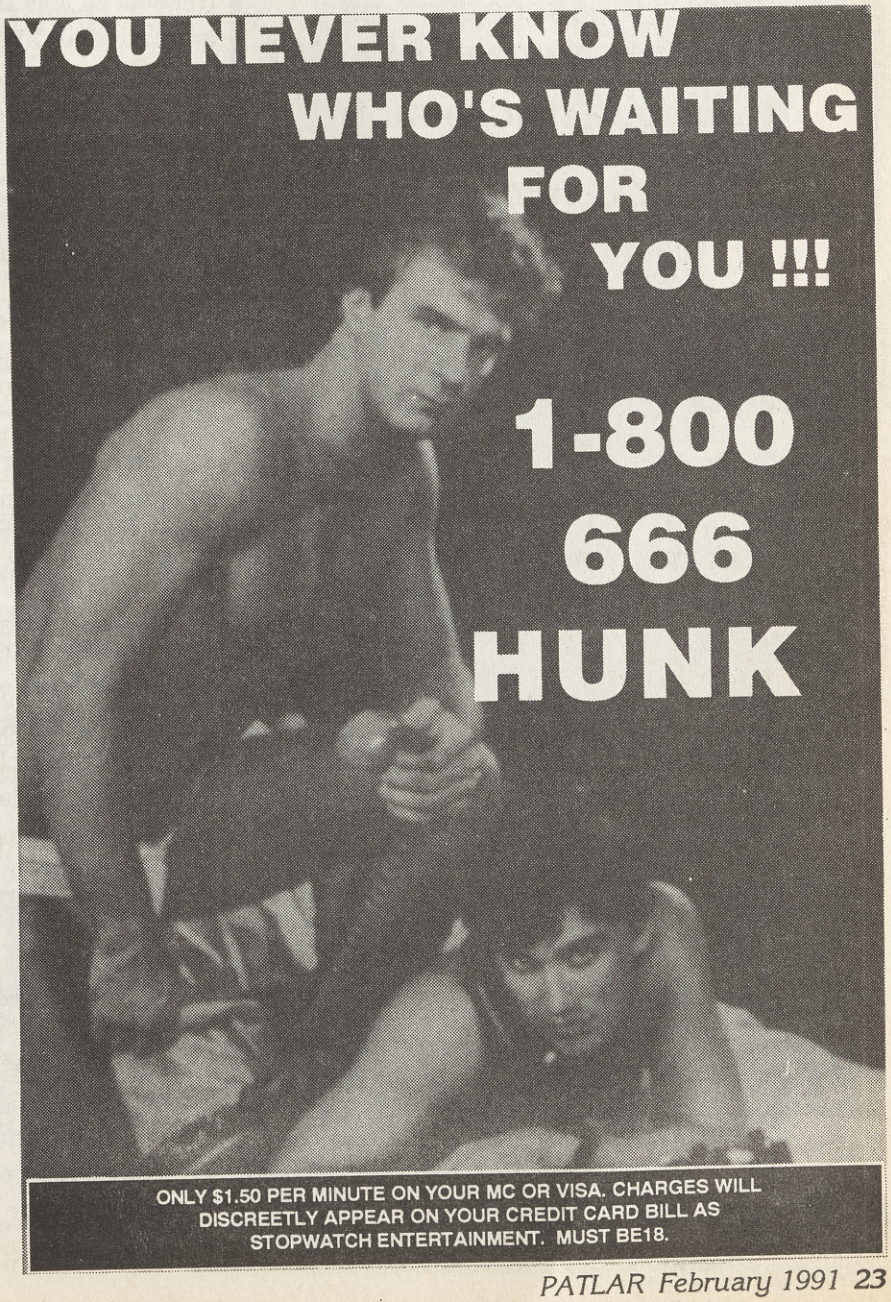

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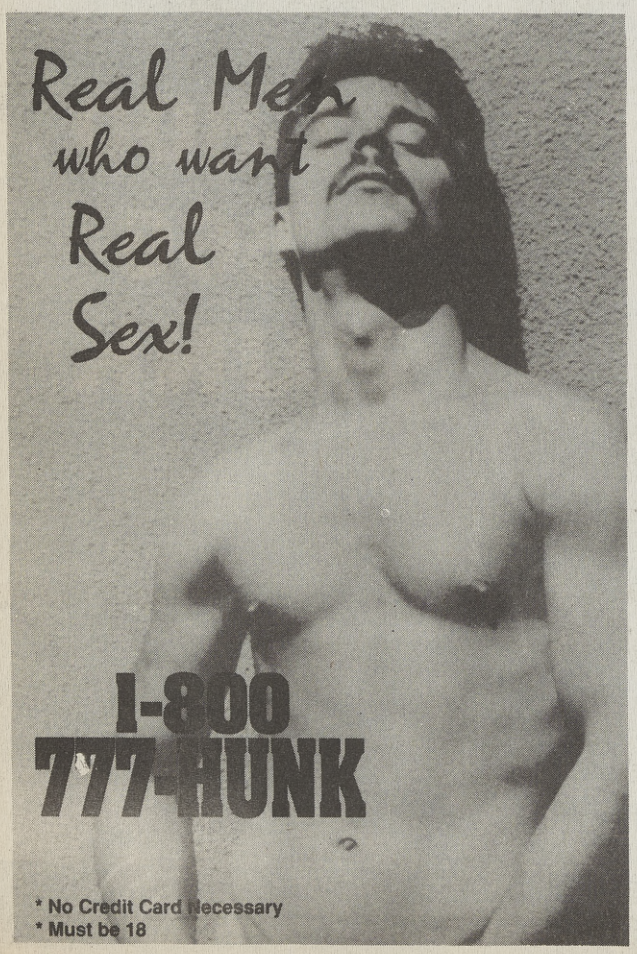


wounded by the tremendous loss of talent, money, and energy, and it has been swamped by an additional agenda of life and death concerns.

Although the lesbian and gay experience of the AIDS epidemic are not the same, they are more alike than they are different. For me, these shared experiences have meant that I often feel closer to gay men than I do to straight women. Lesbians and gay men are united in our grief, in our rage, in our need to fight common enemies.

This unity is the difference between a community and a coalition. A coalition often involves a sort of horse trading: "I'll support your issue if you'll support mine." To be in communist on an issue, however, is to recognize that we share the same goals, that what lesbians and gay men seek is in a fundamental way the same thing. We share with gay men the need to secure the freedom to love in our own way as consenting adults and to live our lives unbattered by violence and bigotry.

Shortly after John's death, a gay male colleague messaged me on computer, "I don't believe it. How do we all go on?" Sitting in St. Vibiana's, I had the answer, hand in hand.

Caution Urged in Puerto Vallarta

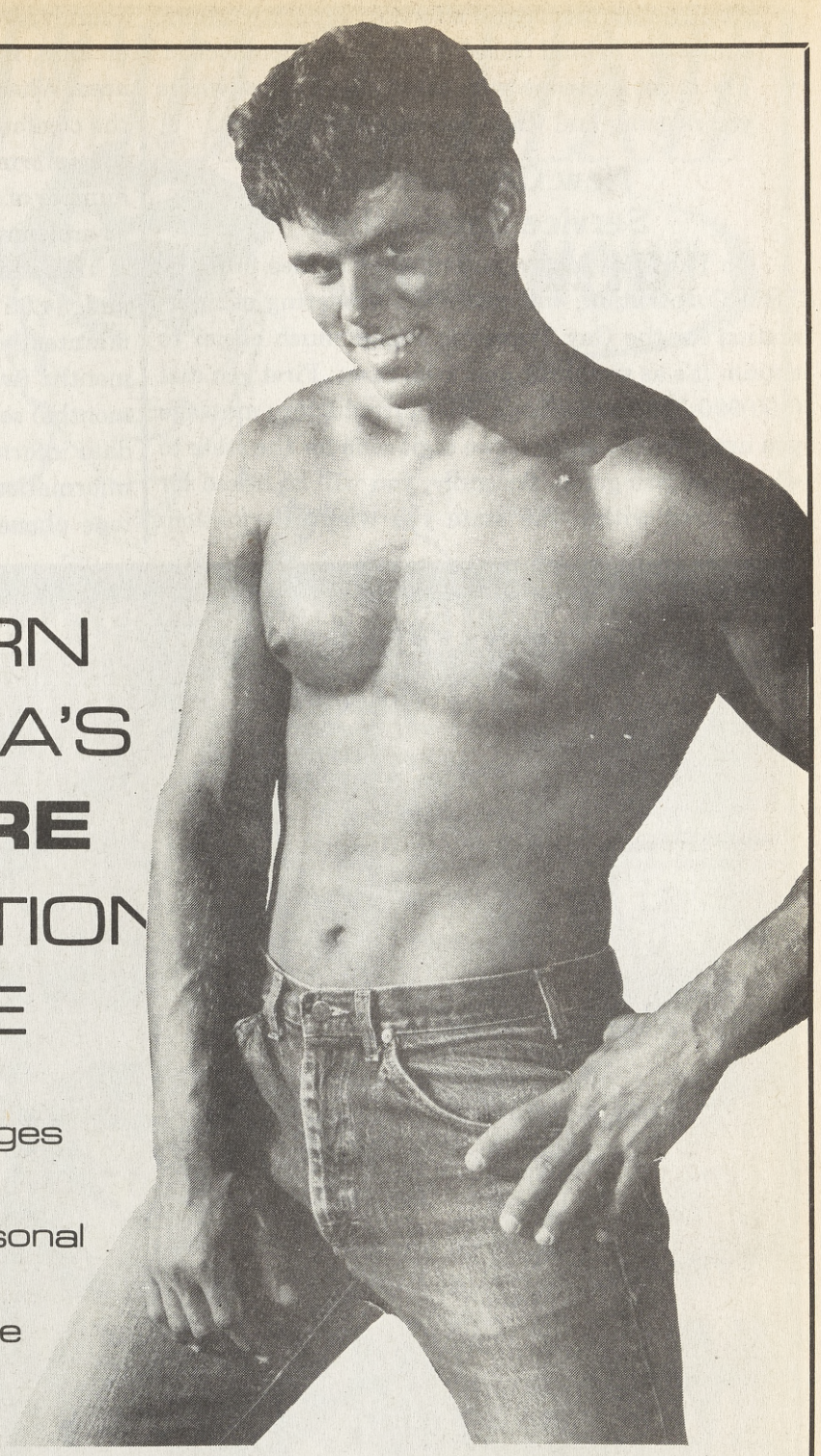
Gays and lesbian travelers to Mexico should remember it has a different culture. It's a country that has little tolerance for pen displays of homosexual affection.

Puerto Vallarta has been growing in popularity as a gay and lesbian destination. The beaches that have become known for gay and lesbian visitors are Los Muertos and Olas Altas. They are both located on the south side of downtown, south of Rio Cuale.

Puerto Vallarta's police department has noted the higher incidence of Gay and Lesbian guests in this area and have been preying on their ignorance and fears. Patrons of night clubs have reportedly been accosted by the police when leaving at night. Most seem limited to people exiting alone.

There are some precautions and good common sense visitors to any Mexican city should use:

- Get a passport—it's your best form of ID And good for 10 years. Get an application from your travel agent, post office or the Federal Building.
- Call the American Consul on arrival to let them know you're there and for how long.
- Travel in numbers at night. If you're in a party of less than three, you may want to consider taking a cab, even for a few blocks. When walking, make sure you follow lighted, direct routes.



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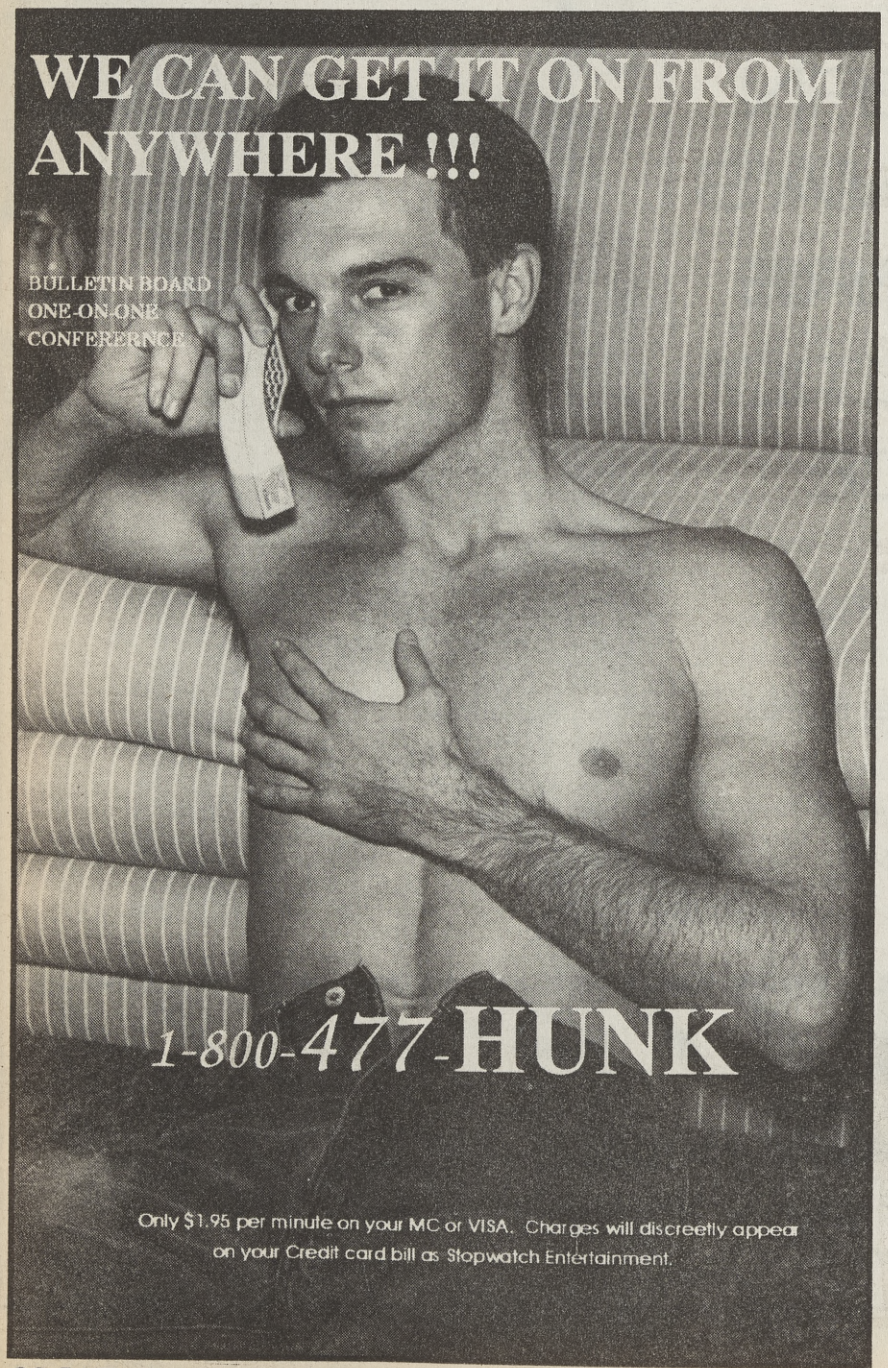
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Lesbian & Gay Happenings Worldwide

By John Hubert

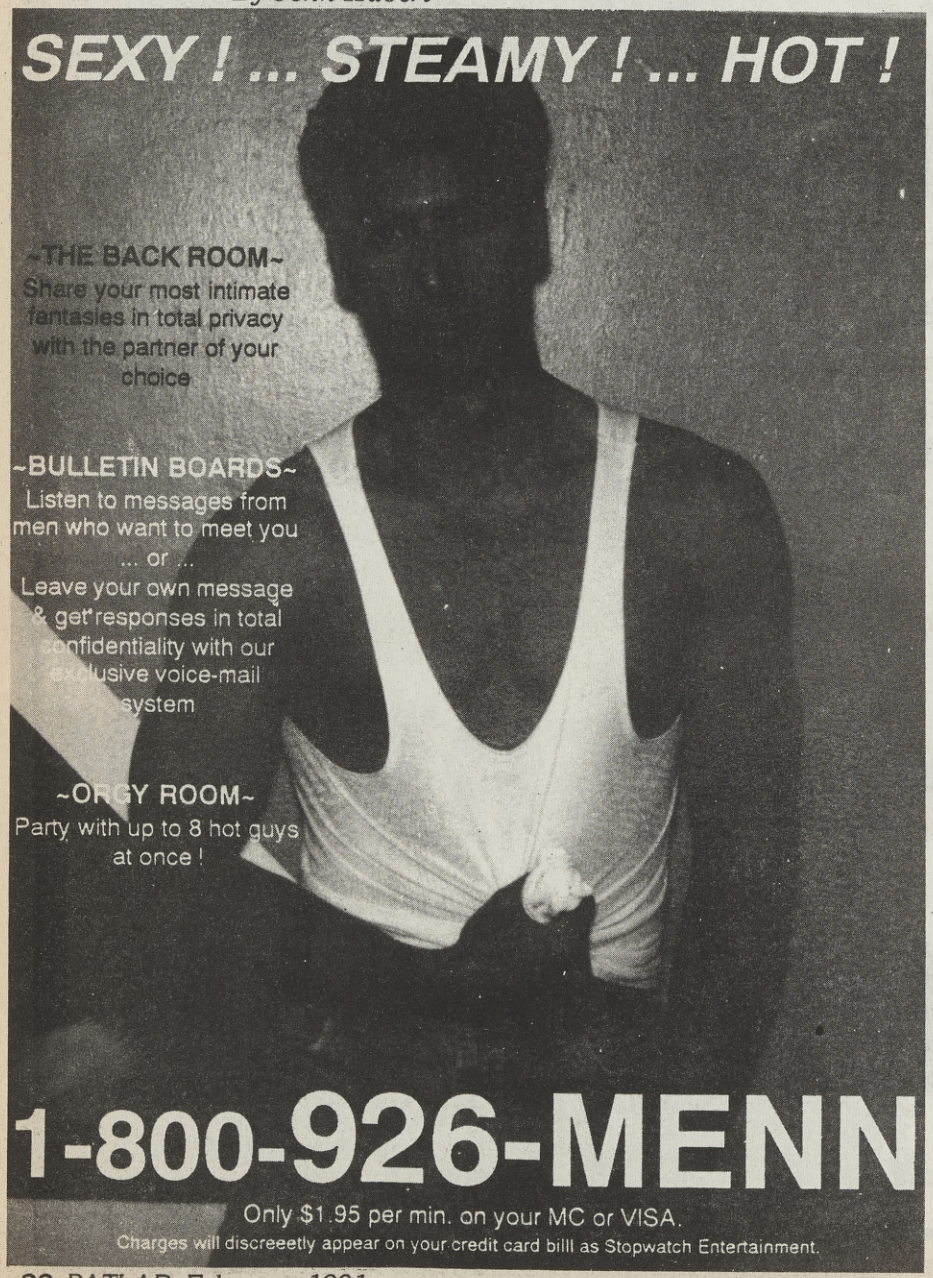
Russian Militia Raid Gay Cafe

The International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA), headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, is calling for an international letter writing campaign to protest the violent raid on September 25, 1990 of a cafe frequented by gays in the Black Sea resort of Sochi.

According to the Moscow Union of Lesbians and Gay Men (MULGM) the militiamen used rubber sticks and machine-gun butts to clear the cafe. The action was taken on the pretext of fighting AIDS.

MULGM leader, Roman Kalinin, said their group dispatched a correspondent to Sochi to gather information on the number of persons arrested and injured.

"The Moscow Union of Lesbian and Gay Men protests against this outrageous, outlawed attack on human rights, creating an atmosphere of horror for sexual minorities in this country," said MUGLM in a press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For those who would like a gay pen friend in Russia, write to the Friendship Club, P.O. Box 6595, Kishinev, Maldova SSR, 277050, Soviet Union.

South Africa Holds First Pride Celebration

"Unity in the Community" was the theme of South Africa's first lesbian and gay pride celebration, which took place on October 15th in Johannesburg.

"Gay Times" of London reports that the Gay Liberation of Witwatersrand (GLOW) and the Organization of Lesbian and Gay Activists (OLGA) were among the groups which marched from Braamfontein to Pieter Roos Park for a picnic and rally. Both GLOW and OLGA are groups which participate in anti–apartheid actions, AIDS education projects, and lesbian and gay liberation events. The groups are either led by Blacks or have a high participation of Black lesbians and gays. Tseko Simon Nkoli, director of GLOW, visited the USA and Canada in 1989 to raise funds for the Township AIDS Project which is now open and serving the community of Soweto, a suburb of Johannesburg.

National Recognition for Gay & Lesbian Arab-Americans

The Gay and Lesbian Arabic Society (GLAS) recently celebrated its first anniversary. Media attention has made GLAS the talk of most Arab-American communities in the country. CNN featured interviews with Los Angeles, Detroit, and Washington, D.C. GLAS members and the Associated Press carried a story on GLAS.

Issue 4 of "GLAS News" is now available. Subscriptions are $10 US and can be obtained from GLAS-DC, P.O. Box 4971, Washington, DC 20008.

British Youth Group Forced to Change Name

The Notting Hill Lesbian and Gay Youth Group in west London was forced to remove the words "Lesbian and Gay" from its title in order to receive a grant of 950 British Pounds ($1850 US) from the Local Council.

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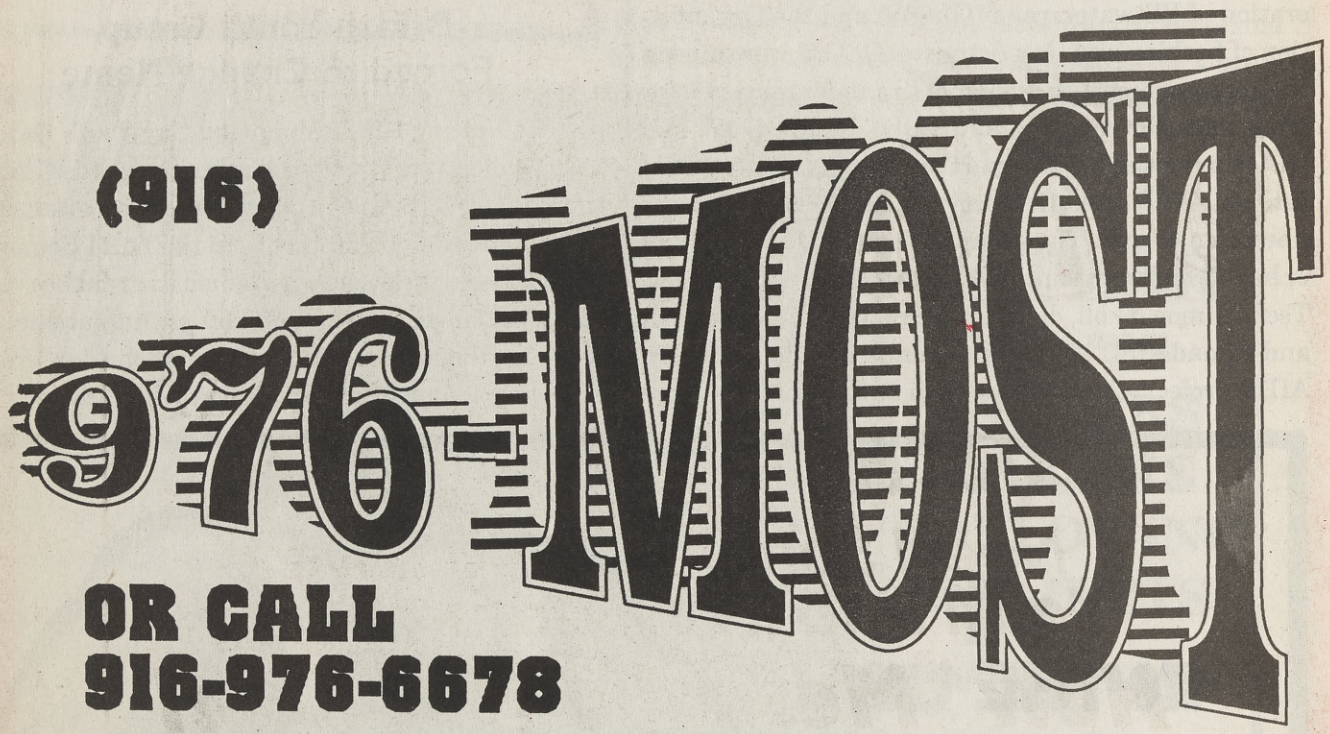

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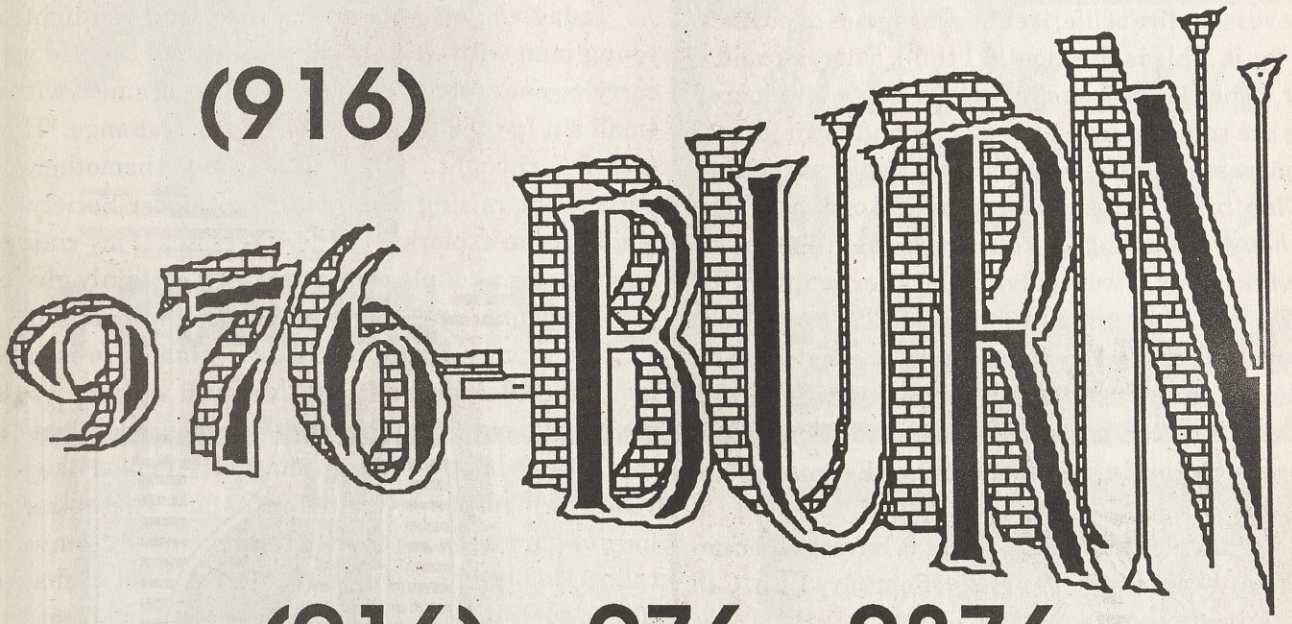

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Ernie Brown *Views From River City*

Love is the fire of life; it either consumes or purifies. So go for it. This is the month. I think Thoreau said it better, "There is no remedy for love but to love more." There are some sweetheart balls around town just for this purpose. There is a sweetheart dance at the *Buffalo Club*; bring your sweetheart or find one there. The *Townhouse* is having a Valentine's Day dinner, by reservation only. Twenty-five dollars per couple is the cost. For more information call 441-5122.

Speaking of the *Townhouse*, they are featuring an art show by the internationally acclaimed artist, Karlo Djurovich. You can meet this artist at the *Townhouse* during a reception in his honor Sunday, February 10th, at 5 p.m.

Back to Valentine's Day, *Faces* is having their annual Sweetheart's Ball, Thursday, February 14th. Call *Faces* for more details.

A Black Men's Exchange meets at 8 p.m. every Friday to support and build relationships between Black men who love men. For location and more information call Joe Hawkins at 454-0516.

Listen up, here is a Biggy. Paul and Stacey presents "An Evening with Paul and Stacey Dinner Show," Sunday, February 10th, 7 p.m., at *Joseph's Town and Country*, 2062 Auburn Blvd. Ten dollar donation includes dinner and show. All proceeds go to the East 8, UCD Med Center. Also a 50/50 raffle will be held. I told you it was a biggy.

Vanna (our Empress) is throwing a breakfast again. This time at the *Merc*. February 17th. starting at 9 a.m.

Oh, by the way, I am approaching that dreaded birthday number, "the big 6-0." The *Merc* is having a birthday party for yours truly, Monday, February 25th. Stop by and say "Hi".

LaKish is doing it again. Yes, another auction at the *Merc*, March 7th, starting at 7 p.m. All proceeds go to the Fairy Godfather Fund. Check with *Joseph's* Town and Country for all of their events. They have plenty.

Sorry about the briefness of this article. I will say more next time. Happy Valentine's Day.

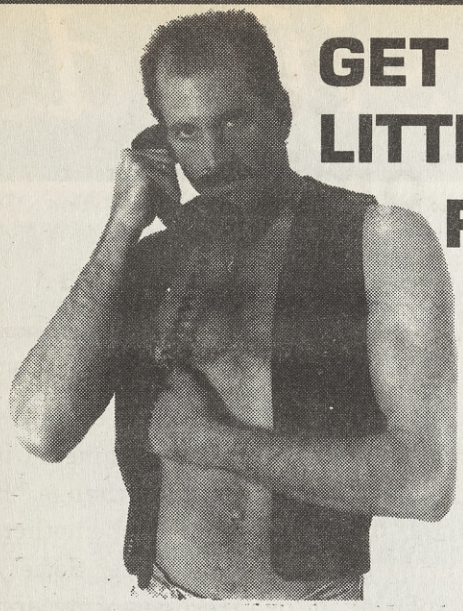
Cat Comiskey

Skin Head or Hare Krishna?

Today while I was sitting at a long red light, a young man with no hair approached my car. He was carrying one of those cylindrical coin containers with a small slit in the lid for depositing small change. "How nice ," I thought, " here is a young chemotherapy patient out raising money for the Cancer Society." I gladly began exploring the deep recesses of my vintage handbag for a couple of quarters. "I'll certainly give to the young man and his cause," I thought to myself.

The young man approached my window, presented his coin container, and said "My good woman, would you give money to my church?" I took a good look at his thin face and noticed that he had what looked like two yellow strips of pollen painted on his face. These strange lines originated on his forehead and extended downward connecting at his nasal bridge. It was kind of shaped like a tuning fork. Obviously, he was not from the Cancer Society. "Maybe he's a skinhead who works in a flower shop" was my next guess. "Thank you good woman," he said with the same strange affect. Then he handed me a book in exchange for my donation. It had a picture of a small brownish old man wrapped in what looked like a fitted bed sheet on the cover. This man also had no hair and a tuning fork painted open his head. Below the picture the caption read: "His Divine Grace, A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, Founder-Acarya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness." Stop the car! I want my fifty cents back! I just emptied my change purse for a Hare Krishna. But. by then it was too late. Traffic was moving and the young man had already misled the driver behind me into thinking he was a cancer patient.

I can't believe I was duped into thinking that this fellow busy raising funds for his "church." I knew I should have checked for tambourine callouses (the sure sign of any Hare Krishna). Regardless of whether you've been suckered by the Krishnas. Regardless of whether you've been gulled or not... from now on if you notice anyone with an obvious affinity for baldness, fitted bed sheets, and facial pollen, keep our change purse closed and keep driving.



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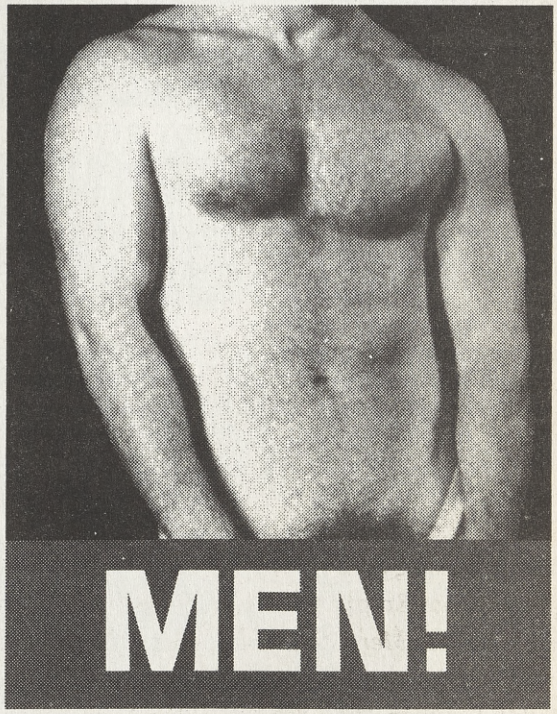

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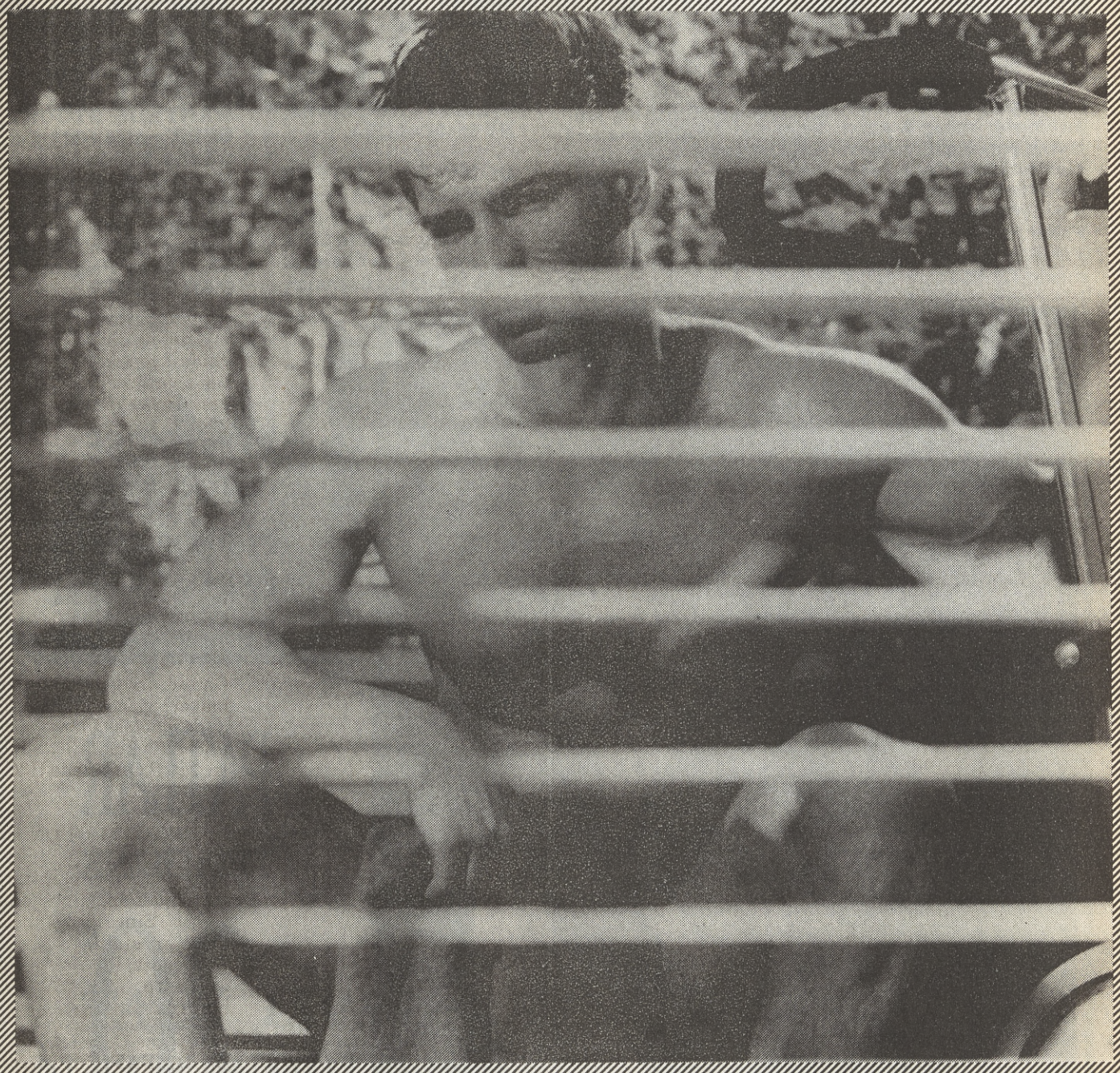

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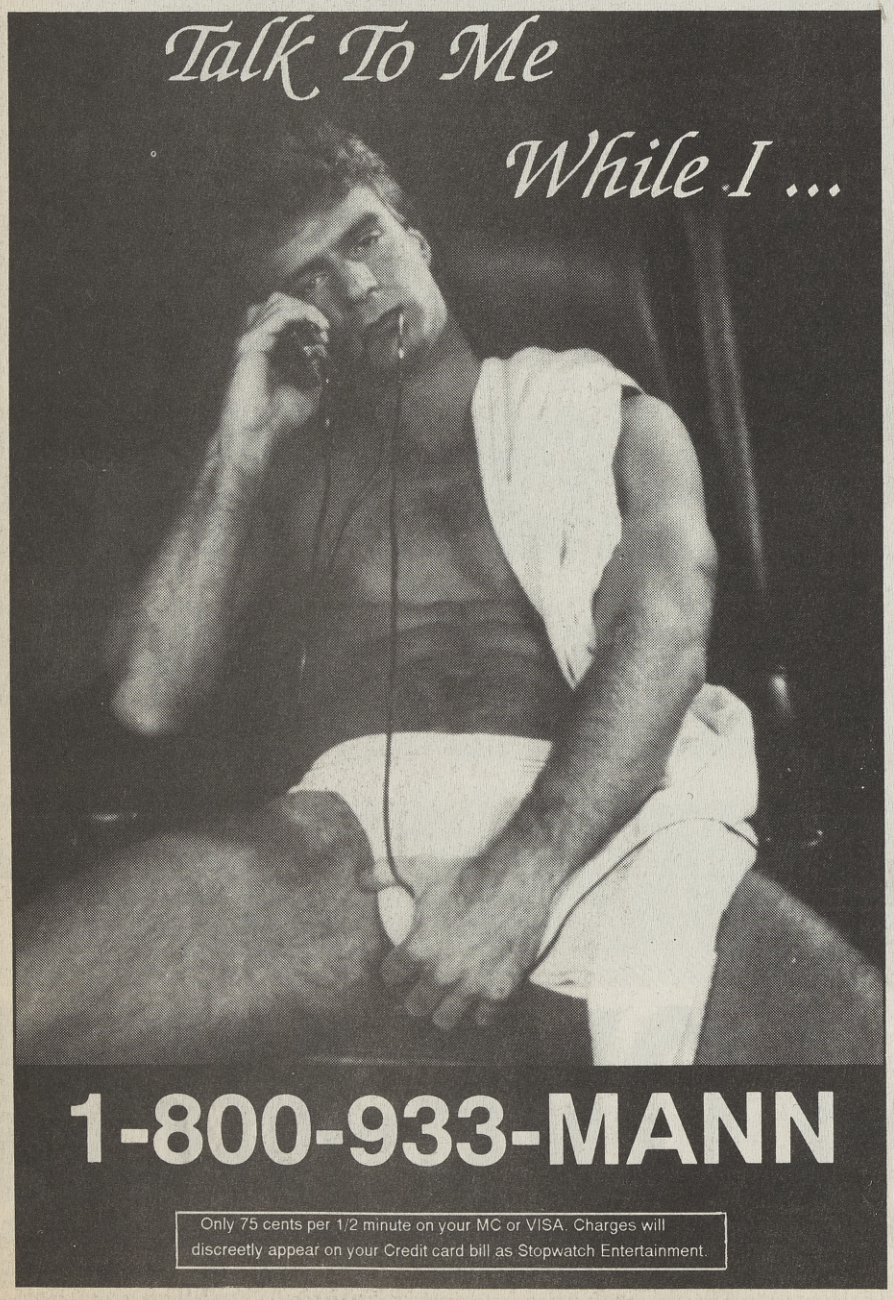
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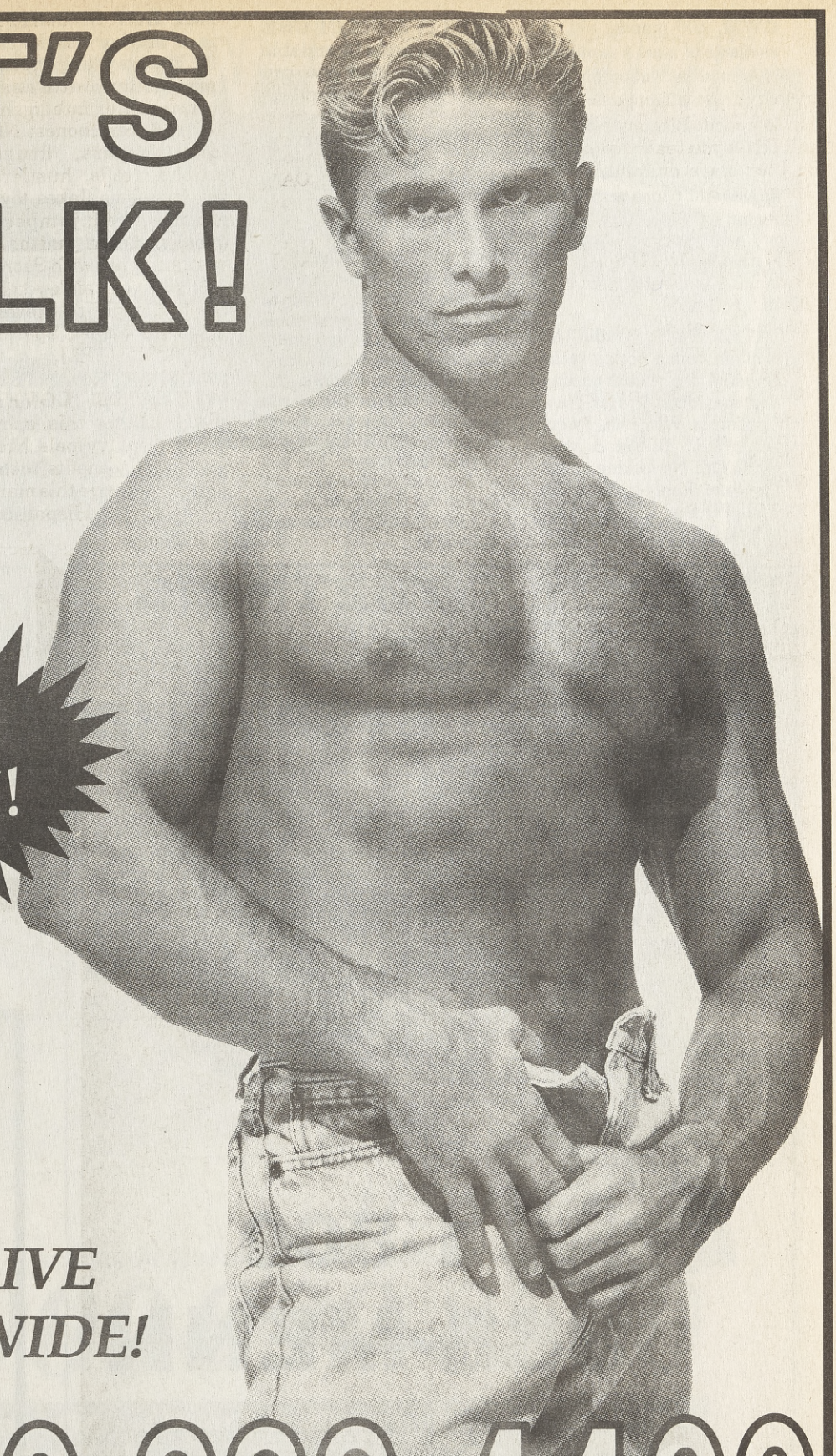

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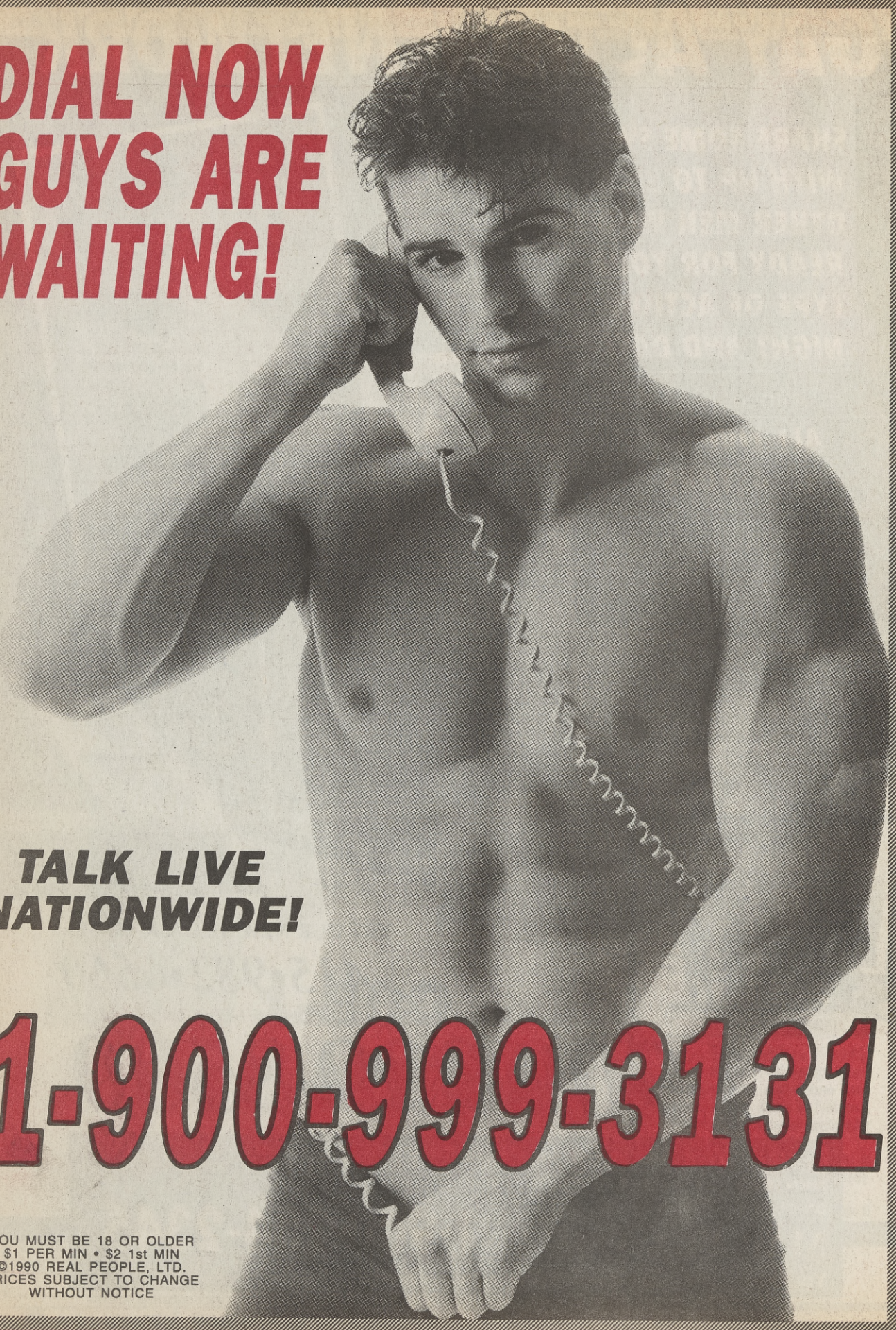

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